

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ golf putter ~~of claim 1~~ comprising:

a putter head;

a striking surface attachment; and

at least one magnet provisioned on at least one of the putter head and the striking surface attachment, wherein the at least one magnet provides a positive lock of the striking surface attachment to the putter head,

wherein the striking surface attachment includes ~~one of a tab, ridge, flange, and an~~ indentation; for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the putter head.

9-14. (Canceled)

15-37. (Withdrawn)

38. (Original) A method for replacing a striking surface attachment connected by one or more fittings to a head of a golf club by a bond strong enough to eliminate looseness but weak enough to enable quick replacement, comprising the steps of:

- (a) breaking the bond provided by the one or more fittings;
 - (b) removing the striking surface attachment from the head;
 - (c) aligning a second striking surface attachment with the head; and
 - (d) bonding the second striking surface attachment to the head with a second bond strong enough to eliminate looseness but weak enough to enable quick replacement.
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39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein breaking the bond comprises forcing the striking surface attachment away from the head with a golf tee.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38 40, wherein a golfer repeats steps (a) through (d) using different striking surface attachments.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38 40, wherein a golfer repeats steps (a) through (d) to adapt to varying playing conditions.

AB 43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38 40, further comprising:

(e) additionally securing the striking surface attachment with an elongate connecting member.

44. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein a golfer repeats steps (a) through (d) using different striking surface attachments and completes step (e) before using the golf club in competition.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38 40, wherein the one or more fittings are selected from the group consisting essentially of a magnetic field, a friction fit, and a mechanical fastener, and wherein the golf club is one of a putter, a wedge, a driver, a fairway wood, and an iron.

46-47. (Canceled)

AL 48. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 47 90, wherein the additional securing means includes at least one passageway in the putter head and at least one opening in the striking

surface attachment aligned with the passageway, and at least one elongate connecting member positioned within the passageway and opening.

49. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 47 90, wherein the one or more lock fittings include a magnetic portion of the front face and a metallic back plate on the support member, and wherein the magnetic portion and the metallic back plate create a magnetic field that positively locks the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

AL 50. (Original) The golf putter of claim 49, wherein the striking surface attachment can be disconnected from the putter head when a force is applied to the striking surface attachment sufficient to overcome the magnetic field created between the magnetic portion and the metallic back plate.

51. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 47 90, wherein the one or more lock fittings include a metallic portion of the front face and a magnet connected to the support member, and wherein the metallic portion and the magnet create a magnetic field that positively locks the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

52. (Original) The golf putter of claim 51, wherein the striking surface attachment can be disconnected from the putter head when a force is applied to the striking surface attachment sufficient to overcome the magnetic field.

53. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 47 90, wherein the one or more lock fittings include at least one magnet attached to the putter head front face, and a metallic back plate connected to the support member, and wherein the at least one magnet and the metallic

back plate create a magnetic field that positively locks the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

54. (Original) The golf putter of claim 53, wherein the striking surface attachment can be disconnected from the putter head when a force is applied to the striking surface attachment sufficient to overcome the magnetic field.

55-71. (Withdrawn)

AK 72. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 47 90, wherein the additional securing means comprises a threaded tube extending from the support member, and a screw that releasably secures the striking surface attachment to the putter head by engaging its threads with the threaded tube.

73. (Withdrawn)

74. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 47 90, wherein the additional securing means comprises a threaded extension extending from the support member, and a nut that releasably secures the striking surface attachment to the putter head by engaging its threads with the threaded extension.

75-88. (Withdrawn)

89. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 47 90, wherein the striking surface of the striking surface attachment is made from a material selected from the group consisting essentially of an elastomeric material, a non-elastomeric material, rubber, plastic, titanium, aluminum, and copper.

90. (Currently Amended) The A golf putter of ~~claim 47~~, comprising:

a putter head having a front face;

a striking surface attachment having a striking surface, and a support member supporting the striking surface;

one or more lock fittings that positively lock the striking surface attachment to the

front face of the putter head; and

an additional securing means for releasably securing the striking surface attachment to the front face of the putter head,

wherein the striking surface attachment includes ~~one of a tab, ridge, flange, and an~~ indentation, for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the putter head.

91-95. (Canceled)

96. (Currently Amended) The golf putter striking surface attachment of claim 95 111, wherein the lock fitting is a magnetic field and the positive lock receiver is a metallic back plate associated with the striking surface.

97. (Currently Amended) The golf putter striking surface attachment of claim 95 111, wherein the lock fitting is a magnetic field and the positive lock receiver is a magnet associated with the striking surface.

98-110. (Withdrawn)

111. (Currently Amended) The A golf putter striking surface attachment of ~~claim 95~~, comprising:

a striking surface;

AS a positive lock receiver that cooperates with a lock fitting to positively lock the golf putter striking surface attachment to a golf putter head; and
~~further comprising one of a tab, ridge, flange, and an~~ indentation; for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the putter head.

112-113. (Canceled)

114-117. (Withdrawn)

118-126. (Canceled)

127-128. (Withdrawn)

129. (Canceled)

AG 130. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim ~~129~~ 131, wherein the first magnet and second magnet positively lock the striking surface attachment to the putter such that the striking surface attachment is firmly fixed without looseness and is quickly replaceable.

131. (Currently Amended) The A golf putter of claim 129, comprising:

a putter head having a face;

a first magnet attached to the face of the putter head; and

a striking surface attachment having a second magnet,

wherein the first magnet and second magnet bond the striking surface attachment to the putter head,

wherein the putter head comprises a metal core having the face to which the first magnet is attached, and a shell that is molded over an entire surface of the metal core except for the face, and wherein the shell further secures the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

132. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim 131, wherein the shell is made of Surlyn™ a thermoplastic.

133. (Original) The golf putter of claim 131, wherein the putter head further comprises fasteners that that join the first magnet, the metal core, and the shell together.

134. (Original) The golf putter of claim 133, wherein the fasteners extend out of the first magnet to engage openings in the striking surface attachment.

AG 135. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim ~~129~~ 131, wherein the striking surface attachment includes a support member to which the second magnet is attached, and a striking surface molded onto the support member on a face of the support member opposite the second magnet, and wherein the molded striking surface and the shell press against each other.

136. (Original) The golf putter of claim 135, wherein the striking surface includes strips that align with grooves in the support member.

137. (Original) The golf putter of claim 135, wherein the striking surface includes one of a tab, ridge, flange, and indentation, for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment.

138. (Currently Amended) The golf putter of claim ~~129~~ 131, wherein the putter head includes an indentation for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment.

139. (New) A golf putter comprising:

a putter head;

a striking surface attachment; and

at least one magnet provisioned on at least one of the putter head and the striking surface attachment, wherein the at least one magnet provides a positive lock of the striking surface attachment to the putter head,

wherein the putter head has a face, wherein the face has a cavity, wherein a portion of the striking surface attachment is disposed in the cavity, and wherein the striking surface attachment has a member that extends outside the face to provide means for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the putter head.

140. (New) The golf putter of claim 139, wherein the member is one of a tab, ridge, and flange.

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141. (New) A golf putter comprising:

a putter head;

a striking surface attachment; and

at least one magnet provisioned on at least one of the putter head and the striking surface attachment, wherein the at least one magnet provides a positive lock of the striking surface attachment to the putter head,

wherein putter head has a face, wherein the face has a cavity, wherein the striking surface attachment is disposed in the cavity, and wherein the face has an indentation for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the putter head.

142. (New) The golf putter of claim 90, wherein the front face has a cavity, wherein a portion of the striking surface attachment is disposed in the cavity, and wherein the striking

surface attachment has a member that extends outside the front face to provide means for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the putter head.

143. (New) The golf putter of claim 142, wherein the member is one of a tab, ridge, and flange.

144. (New) The golf putter of claim 90, wherein the front face has a cavity, wherein the striking surface attachment is disposed in the cavity, and wherein the front face has an indentation for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the putter head.

AG 145. (New) The golf putter striking surface attachment of claim 111, wherein the golf putter head has a face, wherein the face has a cavity, wherein a portion of the striking surface attachment is disposed in the cavity, and wherein the striking surface attachment has a member that extends outside the face to provide means for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the golf putter head.

146. (New) The golf putter striking surface attachment of claim 145, wherein the member is one of a tab, ridge, and flange.

147. (New) A golf putter striking surface attachment comprising:
a striking surface; and
a positive lock receiver that cooperates with a lock fitting to positively lock the golf putter striking surface attachment to a golf putter head,

wherein golf putter head has a face, wherein the face has a cavity, wherein the striking surface attachment is disposed in the cavity, and wherein the face has an indentation for gripping and separating the striking surface attachment from the golf putter head.

148. (New) A golf putter comprising:

a putter head having a face, wherein the face has a cavity; and

a striking surface attachment disposed in the cavity, wherein the striking surface attachment has a thermoplastic surface that is compressed within the cavity to secure the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

AG 149. (New) The golf putter of claim 148, wherein the putter head comprises a metal core and a thermoplastic shell molded around the metal core, wherein the shell defines the cavity in the face, and wherein the shell and the thermoplastic surface of the striking surface attachment compress against each other.

150. (New) The golf putter of claim 148, further comprising at least one magnet attached to at least one of the putter head face and the striking surface attachment for further securing the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

151. (New) The golf putter of claim 148, wherein the putter head comprises a metal core and a thermoplastic shell molded around the metal core, wherein a portion of the metal core is exposed in the cavity, and wherein the golf putter further comprises a first magnet attached to the striking surface attachment and a second magnet attached to the exposed portion of the metal core in the cavity, wherein the first magnet and the second magnet further secure the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

152. (New) A golf putter comprising:

a putter head having a face, wherein the face has a cavity, wherein the putter head comprises a metal core and a thermoplastic shell molded around the metal core, wherein the shell defines the cavity in the face; and

a striking surface attachment disposed in the cavity, wherein the striking surface attachment presses against the thermoplastic shell to secure the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

AG 153. (New) The golf putter of claim 152, wherein the striking surface attachment has a thermoplastic surface, wherein the shell and the thermoplastic surface of the striking surface attachment compress against each other.

154. (New) The golf putter of claim 152, further comprising at least one magnet attached to at least one of the putter head face and the striking surface attachment for further securing the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

155. (New) The golf putter of claim 152, wherein a portion of the metal core is exposed in the cavity, and wherein the golf putter further comprises a first magnet attached to the striking surface attachment and a second magnet attached to the exposed portion of the metal core in the cavity, wherein the first magnet and the second magnet further secure the striking surface attachment to the putter head.

156. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the head has a front face and a passageway from the front face to an exterior surface of the head, and wherein forcing the striking surface

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attachment away from the head comprises passing the golf tee through the passageway from the exterior surface to the front face.
